

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of November 1, 2004**

1. **Bi-Jurisdictional Meeting:** On Wednesday, November 3, a meeting was held between the City and officials from DC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Chief Creamer's proposal to implement a CSAFE-like model to address cross-jurisdictional crime along the Takoma Park-DC border. City officials in attendance included Mayor Kathy Porter, Councilmember Joy Austin-Lane, City Manager Barb Matthews, Lieutenant Richard Cipperly, and Detective Richard Poole. DC officials were City Administrator/Deputy Mayor Robert Bobb, Special Assistant to the Mayor for Regional Affairs Sharon Anderson, Fourth District Commander Hilton Burton, and Assistant Chief of Police Peter Newsham. ANC Commissioners Pat Kidd, Faith Wheeler, Judi Jones, and Doug Payton (also representing Councilmember Fenty) also participated in the meeting. All those in attendance endorsed the concept of strengthening the partnership between the respective jurisdictions. Initial steps to be pursued include the coordination of joint roll calls and the cross-jurisdictional deputization of officers, which will be modeled after the DC-Prince George's County Memorandum of Understanding. (*City Manager*)
2. **Appointments (All Wards):** Two recent appointments may be of interest: First, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has hired Rose Krasnow, former Mayor of Rockville, to head the Development Review Division. Ms. Krasnow has a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Univ. of North Carolina. Second, Rockville has hired Scott Ullery to be their new city manager. Mr. Ullery has most recently served as the deputy county administrator of Santa Barbara County, California. (*Community & Government Liaison*)
3. **New Representative in P.G. County (Wards 2, 3 and 6):** Will Campos was elected Tuesday to be the new Prince George's County Councilmember representing the area immediately east of Takoma Park. Mr. Campos was the Latino liaison to County Executive Jack Johnson before running to fill the seat previously held by Peter Shapiro. Mr. Campos has worked with Takoma Park on a number of issues important to the community, including pedestrian safety, cleanliness and appearance of the Takoma/Langley area, day laborers, community services, and transportation. Staff will invite Mr. Campos to a Council meeting or other similar opportunity to meet our Council. (*Community & Government Liaison*)
4. **Maple Avenue Stormline Installation (Ward 1):** To date the project is 30% complete. The contractor anticipates completion by the end of November which will extend the projected finish by 2 to 3 weeks. Public Works will deliver a notice of the extension of the project to the residents of Maple Avenue, Cedar Avenue Valley View and sections of Tulip Avenue. (*Public Works*)
5. **Smart Growth Alliance Recognition of Old Town Redevelopment Project (Ward 1):** The redevelopment project proposed by John Urciolo for Old Town has been recognized by the Smart Growth Alliance (SGA) for its furtherance of smart growth

principals. The project is one of five across the region recognized by the Alliance. Other projects selected by the Alliance for recognition are located in Rockville, Bethesda, Alexandria, and Stafford, Virginia. The SGA is a coalition of five regional organizations: the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Greater Washington Board of Trade, Coalition for Smarter Growth, Metropolitan Washington Builders' Council and ULI Washington (a district council of the Urban Land Institute). These organizations, some of which have held opposing views on growth issues, formed the Alliance three years ago to research, identify and encourage land use, transportation, and environmental policies and practices that support smart growth in the region. Additional information is available at the Alliance's web site <http://washington.uli.org/sga>. (*Housing & Community Development*)

6. **Arts and Humanities Commission - November 9th Community Meeting and Ice Cream Social (City Wide):** The Arts and Humanities Commission will be hosting a community meeting and ice cream social this coming Tuesday, November 9th (flyer invitation attached). The event will provide the community with an opportunity to discuss with the Commission, its goals for the furtherance of the arts and humanities in Takoma Park. The event, scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, will be held in Columbia Union College's cafeteria located on the second floor of Wilkinson Hall, 7600 Flower Avenue. We encourage you to participate in this important discussion. (*Housing and Community Development*)

7. **Gateway and Wayfinding Signage System (City Wide):** A webpage for the gateway and wayfinding signage system will be posted on the City's website by early next week. This page will show the sign concept that has been selected thus far by the community and ask for additional input on the sign design. (*Housing and Community Development*)

8. **ADA Accessibility in Pedestrian Facilities Design:** HCD staff attended the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Governments training on designing for accessibility in pedestrian facilities. Sidewalks, street crossings, and signals are especially important for people with disabilities as they are often unable to drive, relying on the pedestrian network and public transit. In addition, as the population ages, more and more Americans will develop physical disabilities. The course covered appropriate design for mobility and vision impairments. Requirements for municipalities under Department of Justice rulings, recent changes to existing guidelines, and the soon to be issued Right-of-Way Guidelines were discussed at great length and will be provided to the Council under a separate memorandum. (*Housing and Community Development*)

9. **Circle Woods Volunteer Effort (Ward 3):** Tomorrow (Saturday the 6th), there will be a volunteer effort to remove invasive plants and to plant approximately 15 seven to ten feet tall trees on site. Start time is 9:00am. (*City Arborist*)

10. **New Dancing Class:** The Recreation Department's newest class, Belly Dancing, started Wednesday, Nov. 3 in the multi purpose room of Piney Branch Elementary School with 12 students. This unique dance is hundreds of years old and also provides a way to keep fit, teaches excellent posture and develops strong muscles. (*Recreation*)

11. **Halloween Event:** This past Saturday, October 30, 2004 the Recreation Department held the annual Halloween Event. The costume contest and parade were based out of Old Takoma. Over 400 costume clad children and adults followed the TPVFD fire truck and TPPD cruiser as they marched down Laurel, Carroll, Philadelphia, and Maple Avenues to Piney Branch Elementary School where approximately people were entertained by the new Takoma Park Recreation Step Team and Louis the Magician. The event was a great success with the cooperation of many staff and volunteers and with the help and generous donation from the Takoma Park Lions Club. *(Recreation)*

12. **Police Training:** All officers completed fall range training, in accordance with state mandates for weapons. Chief Creamer attended LGIT training, "Developing An Early Warning System", a program to identify problem situations with individual employees. *(Police)*

13. **Rabies Prevention (Wards 2 & 3):** Capt. Coursey and Ofc. Smith attended a program for residents regarding rabies prevention and raccoons. Organized by Ofc. Smith it focused on controlling factors that attract raccoons and foster rabies transmission. Two raccoons tested positive this week, one picked up last Friday at Lincoln and Jackson (Wards 2 & 3) and one destroyed by officers Sunday evening on Walnut Avenue (Ward 3). *(Police)*

14. **Chief and WACO:** Chief Creamer attended Thursday's WACO citizen meeting. *(Police)*

15. **Crime Report:** Crime statistics by beat for the 3rd quarter are attached. *(Police)*

Nine Months (Jan - Sept) Takoma Park UCR Part One Crime Statistics				
	2002	2003	2004	Range of Annual Rate (based on 1994-03)
Homicide	0	1	0	0-2
Rape	6	8	1	5-9
Robbery	71	52	46	66-98
Aggravated Assault	16	17	23	21-63
Burglary	71	114	104	105-158
Larceny	495	335	309	488-610
Vehicle Theft	165	133	117	132-200
3 rd Quarter Totals	824	660	600	

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1. Difference between UCR and "By Beat" total results from reporting delays and other factors. 2. All assault (simple& aggravated, citizen & domestic) is tracked by police beat; UCR includes only aggravated assaults. 3 Only larceny over \$500 is counted by police beat; UCR includes all thefts.

The City of Takoma Park
Arts and Humanities Commission

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM

Community Cultural Planning Public Meeting and Ice Cream Social

Join your neighbors in a discussion about ways to enrich
the arts and humanities in our community

New Programs
Increased Access
Enhanced Visibility

Cultural Planning is a community inclusive process,
so please come, have some ice cream, and add your voice

Tuesday, November 9th
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Columbia Union College Cafeteria
7600 Flower Avenue - Wilkinson Hall
(next to the ball field)

For more information and to RSVP, please contact

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